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H.B. No. 1677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration and funding of retirement systems
for firefighters in certain municipalities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2.03(b), Chapter 183 (S.B. 598), Acts of
the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article 6243e.1,
Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) Between November 1 of each year and the first Monday in
January of the following year, the board of trustees shall hold an
election to elect one member of the board of trustees. If only one
firefighter or retiree is nominated for a position under Subsection
(c) of this section, instead of holding an election, the board of
trustees may appoint the sole nominated candidate at the first
board meeting in January. The board shall adopt procedures for the
appointment of a sole nominated candidate under this subsection. A
board member appointed under this subsection is considered elected
for purposes of this Act.

SECTION 2. Sections 10.01(a) and (b), Chapter 183 (S.B.
598), Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article
6243e.1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as
follows:

(a) Each municipality in which a fire department to which
this Act applies is located shall appropriate and contribute to the
fund an amount equal to a percentage [~~18.05 percent~~] of the

1 compensation of all members during that month as follows:

2 (1) 19.05 percent, beginning on the first pay date
3 following September 30, 2010, through the pay date immediately
4 preceding September 30, 2011;

5 (2) 20.05 percent, beginning on the first pay date
6 following September 30, 2011, through the pay date immediately
7 preceding September 30, 2012;

8 (3) 21.05 percent, for 24 pay dates of the
9 municipality beginning on the first pay date following September
10 30, 2012; and

11 (4) 22.05 percent, for all pay dates of the
12 municipality that follow the 24 pay dates referenced in Subdivision
13 (3) of this subsection.

14 (b) Each firefighter shall pay into the fund each month a
15 percentage [~~13.70 percent~~] of the firefighter's compensation for
16 that month as follows:

17 (1) 15.70 percent, for the pay dates of the
18 municipality following September 30, 2010, through the pay date
19 immediately preceding September 30, 2011;

20 (2) 16.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
21 the municipality following September 30, 2011, through the pay date
22 immediately preceding September 30, 2012;

23 (3) 16.70 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
24 the municipality following September 30, 2012, through the pay date
25 immediately preceding September 30, 2013;

26 (4) 17.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
27 the municipality following September 30, 2013, through the pay date

1 immediately preceding September 30, 2014;

2 (5) 17.70 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
3 the municipality following September 30, 2014, through the pay date
4 immediately preceding September 30, 2015;

5 (6) 18.20 percent, beginning on the first pay date of
6 the municipality following September 30, 2015, through the pay date
7 immediately preceding September 30, 2016; and

8 (7) 18.70 percent, for the first pay date of the
9 municipality following September 30, 2016, and all subsequent pay
10 dates of the municipality.

11 SECTION 3. The board of trustees of a retirement system
12 subject to this Act shall adopt procedures required under Section
13 2.03(b), Chapter 183 (S.B. 598), Acts of the 64th Legislature,
14 Regular Session, 1975 (Article 6243e.1, Vernon's Texas Civil
15 Statutes), as amended by this Act, before a sole nominated
16 candidate may be appointed to the board of trustees.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

